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Introductory Comments

This is responsive to the Office Action dated May 12, 2006, from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified patent application.

This amendment is submitted in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.121.

No claims are amended herein.